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 Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANIPULATING  
 AND MANAGING COMPUTER ARCHIVE FILES  
 Examiner : Not Yet Assigned  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

**In the Specification:**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(ii), the following is a clean version of the replacement paragraphs of the specification. A marked-up version of the replacement paragraphs of the specification in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(iii) is enclosed herewith.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

a' The lowest level component is the compression/extraction engine 40. The compression/extraction component 40 consists of the actual compression, extraction, and CRC-32 algorithms in converter, reader, writer components 42, 44, 46, 48 interfacing with data object and archive files 34, 36 in the file management component 30. The compression, extraction and